

## Chapter 9

# PROCEDURES FOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT

### DEFINITIONS

The glossary of terms at the end of the document has been developed in conjunction with other planning efforts within the SFWMD, and with other water management districts and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

### CONVENTIONS

In 1994, the state's five water management districts and the FDEP jointly developed 16 water resource management conventions. These describe common approaches to key water management issues, and provide a basis for improved consistency and coordination between the water management districts. A full report was developed for each convention, and the reports were summarized in the *1995 District Water Management Plan* (SFWMD, 1995a). These conventions have been used in order bring closer alignment between the policies and practices of the state's five water management districts. Conventions were developed for the following items:

- Agricultural water use
- Economic assessments
- Surface water basins and floodplain mapping
- Ground water availability
- Ground water basins
- Hydrogeologic nomenclature
- Management of surface water quality
- Mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Population and per capita water use
- Recharge mapping
- Recharge protection
- Reuse
- Storm water management system level of service
- Surface water availability
- Water use categories
- Wellhead protection

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public have been encouraged to participate in the preparation and review of this District Water Management Plan (DWMP). Public meetings regarding this DWMP were scheduled in concert with the District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 budget review workshops. District staff made presentations on the purpose, content, and schedule for the this DWMP during these public meetings, and input was gathered regarding regional water management issues to be prioritized within this DWMP.

## **PARTICIPATION BY GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The outline for the *2000 DWMP* has been prepared in coordination with the FDEP, the Executive Office of the Governor, and the state's other water management districts. Local and regional governments were sent notices of all workshops and meetings scheduled. Local government involvement will increase during the preparation of integrated county plans, which will be carried out in 2001.